



## COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER

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DATE: 03/17/2020

SUBJECT: **RATIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF A DECLARATION OF LOCAL  
DISASTER REGARDING COVID-19**

### **COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED:**

It is requested the Commissioners Court ratify and extend for 90 days the Declaration of Local Disaster issued by County Judge B. Glen Whitley on March 13, 2020 regarding COVID-19.

### **BACKGROUND:**

A County Judge has the authority under Government Code §418.108 to issue a Declaration of Local Disaster if a public health or safety situation arises that warrants the issuance. Due to the current COVID-19 global pandemic and its current and potential impact on Tarrant County, County Judge B. Glen Whitley issued a Declaration of Local Disaster on Friday, March 13, 2020. The Declaration is valid for 7 days after the Judge's signature, but can be ratified and extended for a longer period by the Commissioners Court.

It is recommended that the Declaration be extended by the Commissioners Court for a period of at least 90 days.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal and economic impacts are unknown.

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